GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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FUNDING OF PROJECTS IN AFGHANISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided by the Government of India to Afghanistan for various projects during the last three years;

(b) the number of projects being undertaken by the Government of India through Indian Embassy situated in Kabul for social work; and

(c) the nature of assistance likely to be provided by the Government of India to Afghanistan in the coming days?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (c): India has undertaken projects in all parts of Afghanistan, in a wide range of sectors, including hydro-electricity, power transmission lines, road construction, industry, telecommunications, information and broadcasting, and capacity building, which have been identified by the Afghan Government as priority areas for reconstruction and development. In addition, India has undertaken community level small development projects in the field of agriculture, rural development, education and health throughout Afghanistan that have direct and visible impact on community life and with a focus on local ownership and management. Moreover, free medical treatment is provided by the five Indian Medical Missions in Afghanistan. The year − wise expenditure incurred on various projects since 2007 is as under:

(i) 2007 -08: Rs. 467.55 Crore

(ii) 2008 -09: Rs. 410.41 Crore

(iii) 2009 -10: Rs. 208.49 Crore

India's assistance programme in Afghanistan is aimed at helping Afghanistan in its reconstruction efforts as a means to bring about peace and stability in that country. India is fully committed to assisting our Afghan partners in the process of reconstruction, economic development and human resource development as they build a prosperous, democratic and pluralistic Afghanistan.